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TYPE OF CRIME: Possession of Explosive Devices

LOCATION: 400 block of N. 2nd St.

SUSPECT: John Alphonse Bockkom

ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

CASE NUMBER:04-274--743

DATE: 9-30-04 **TIME:** 4:19PM

AGE: 50 6-29-54

BOOKING CHARGES: Possession of Explosive Device (3 Cts.)

Possession of bomb making material

Ex-felon in possession of firearms

DETAILS:

ON 9-30-04 at about 4:19PM, Officers from the San Jose Police Dept. Bomb Detail received information about a person making pipe bombs in a residence on N. 2nd St. Sgt. Don Harris learned that the suspect was apparently making pipe bombs and selling them to "customers" as large firecrackers (such as an M80 or M100.) The Bomb Detail took possession of one such "firecracker" and found it to be a live three-inch pipe bomb.

After destroying the device, they made contact with the suspect at the residence. MERGE Officers assisted with making contact since information had been developed which indicated that the suspect had numerous firearms and other live bombs in his residence. At about 9:00PM, Sgt. Harris and Officers Richard Sugimoto, Jason Bollendorf, Ken Loo and Bob Finnie of the Bomb Detail made contact at the residence and found the suspect to be cooperative. A subsequent search of the residence revealed three live pipe bombs and additional bomb making materials.

Due to the danger involved, several nearby residences were evacuated while members of the bomb detail removed the live bombs and explosive materials. Officers also located several firearms in the residence. The suspect was arrested and booked into Santa Clara County Jail for the above listed charges.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to call Sgt. Don Harris of the San Jose Police Dept. Bomb Detail at 408-277-4122. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at 408-947-STOP.

BY: Sgt. S. Dixon #2650
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PRESS OFFICER BRIEFED BY UNIT COMMANDER (CIRCLE) **YES** NO